

Application Serial No. 09/753,355
Amendment dated January 15, 2004
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Listing of Claims:

1.-15. (Previously Canceled)

16. (Original) A one-piece introducer for an intravascular device, comprising:
at least one finger tab portion;
a tube portion;
a hinge portion between the finger tab portion and the tube portion, wherein the finger tab portion, the hinge portion, and the tube portion form a seamless introducer.

17. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 16, comprising a polymer selected from the group consisting of liquid crystal polymer, polyetheramide, polycarbonate, polyester with glass fiber, polyester with carbon filler, polyamide with glass fiber, thermoplastic elastomers, polyolefins and polyamide with carbon filler.

18. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 16, wherein the tube portion is substantially hollow.

19. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 16, wherein the finger tab portion has a shape which is one of substantially rectangular, cylindrical, spherical, and square.

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20. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 16, further comprising:
a scoreline formed on the tube portion.

21. (Currently Amended) A one-piece introducer comprising:
at least one finger tab portion;
a tube portion having a scoreline; and
a valve formed at a proximal end of the tube portion, wherein the at least one finger tab portion, and the tube portion, and the valve are formed as a single integral piece.

22. (Previously Amended) The one-piece introducer of claim 21, wherein a hinge is located between the tube portion and the at least one finger tab portion.

23. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 21, wherein the tube portion is substantially hollow.

24. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 21, wherein the finger tab portion has a shape which is one of substantially rectangular, cylindrical, spherical, and square.

25. (Currently Amended) A one-piece introducer comprising:
a tube;

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a first finger tab, and a second finger tab, and a valve formed at a proximal end of the tube as a single integral piece with the tube; and
a scoreline formed on the tube.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 25, comprises a polymer, the polymer is selected from the group consisting of liquid crystal polymer, polyetheramide, polycarbonate, polyester with glass fiber, polyester with carbon filler, polyamide with glass fiber, thermoplastic elastomers, polyolefins and polyamide with carbon filler.

28. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 25, wherein the scoreline extends to a beveled distal tip of the tube portion.

29. (Original) The one-piece introducer of claim 25, wherein the tube is substantially hollow.

30. (Currently Amended) The one-piece introducer of claim 25, wherein the first finger tab and the second finger tab portion has each have a shape which is one of substantially rectangular, cylindrical, spherical, and square.